

S.A. Aims To Alleviate Winter Doldrums

By MICHELLE DONJUIELLE

Winter months can be very humdrum at any college campus, but that's not going to stop president Todd Simonson and the Student Association here at Saint Joseph's.

Planned for the upcoming months are visits from a former Central Intelligence Agency agent, a professional comedian, and a talent show.

Doing things a little differently this semester is part of Simonson's plan. "In the past years, extracurricular activities always seemed to come in the evenings, but this semester we hope to try a daytime activity, possibly having a folk singer in the Halleck Center snack bar area, with a coffee-house atmosphere," he says.



Is the menu of the day "roast beast" or just plain "mystery meat"? Students may not know from day to day, but the cafeteria food and its quality has become a growing topic of conversation this semester at Collegeville.

(Photo by Paul Dennis)

You Sprouted Chicken Legs?

By JOE GIANNINI

One basic need that everyone must have in order to survive is food. Almost everyone eats at least two meals per day. However, at Saint Joseph's one noticeable trend has been occurring — more people are snacking in between meals.

In fact, the food bothered one student so much he even tried to get off the meal plan, but the administration would not allow it. How bad then, is the food — or how good is it?

As one student comments, "Well, they (the cooks) can't mess up on the soft drinks or the cereal, but they sure can mess up on those morning eggs." Breakfast obviously isn't one of the student body favorites. Granted, some people enjoy the early-morning meal, but for the most part the attendance is much lower than both of the other meals offered.

Then, why serve breakfast at all? Simply because that's where the money is made. Students are paying for breakfast, but then skipping it (which means the cafeteria doesn't have to make that much food for the morning meal). One student suggests his solution to the problem: "I think we should have an option as to which meals we pay for. Out of the four semesters I've been here, I can safely say I've eaten breakfast about twice."

Another problem that many students have come across is the quality of the food. As one student puts it, "My suggestion for the food service is, it's not the quantity that counts, it's the quality." One reply to that remark has been that of comparing our campus food to that of other schools. Transfer students, parents and other visitors (who have had some regrettable past experiences) indicate how wonderful our food is, compared to that of other school cafeterias.

But yet another question has to be

Simonson stresses the importance of extracurricular activities during the winter months: "Beating that feeling of cabin fever during these months is important because a student's frame of mind definitely affects what he does inside and outside the classroom."

He adds, "With this in mind, the Student Association has planned a series of extracurricular activities this semester that will hopefully help students refresh themselves outside class and generate a better performance in class."

A shortage of snow and ice forced the postponement of the Arctic Jamboree, originally scheduled for Jan. 15-21, but the Student Association is

now planning new dates for this outdoor wintertime attraction. Moreover, February promises to be a lively month with the annual Valentine's Day dance and Mardi Gras weekend on tap.

Also being considered during the weekend of Little 500 (Apr. 15-17) is a "street fair" where students and campus visitors can get to know Rensselaer merchants.

The merchants will be asked to set up sales stands on campus Apr. 16, which is race day.

Planned for later this semester is the establishment of a formal and extended transition procedure when newly-elected Student Association officers are chosen and assume office.

Simonson says, "We had an excellent transition last year when we came into office, but we believe we

can do a bit more to help new officers move into their duties with the advice and assistance of outgoing officers."

Recalling the last semester, Simonson says, "Time went really fast, but we worked hard and I'm generally satisfied with what we have accomplished since the start of classes. You always would have liked to do more, but, for example, we set up definite accounting procedures in the handling of our Student Association budget and our record-keeping system has been improved.

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Mystery Promises Thrills

By JOANNE CUSUMANO

Theatre fans take note! Production has recently begun on Saint Joe's newest play, "Wait Until Dark," a mystery drama set to hit the stage Feb. 24-27, at 7:30 each night.

Directors Tony Dio Guardi (sr., English) and Bill Jankowski (sr., communications) promise suspense but won't reveal any of the plot lest the surprise be ruined for theatre-goers. "It's a mystery thriller with a lot of twists and turns," comments Dio Guardi, "but that's really all I can say."

A variety of special effects and interesting character aspects tie into the plot to add interest, according to the directors. But the mystery is left for the viewer's discovery.

The cast, determined only last week, includes many familiar favorites and some newcomers. Players are Mark Karcher, Brian Nahas, Brother James Mignerey, Linda Serpico, Matthew Boyle, Cathy DeVille, Robert Paton and Mike Bogan.

The addition of Mignerey to the cast, due to a low turnout on audition night, is something new to all involved. "I'm looking forward to doing it," he says, "though I haven't acted for about five years. I've directed Bill and Tony several times; it's only fair they get a chance to work on me."

"I'm a little nervous at the idea of directing Brother James," admits Dio Guardi, "since he's always been the one to direct us. But it's exciting, too."

The play is the first direction effort for Dio Guardi and the first at Saint Joe's for Jankowski, who has had previous experience in summer theatre in his hometown of Ottawa, Ill. Both are enthusiastic.

"I'm excited," says Jankowski. "We have a really good cast, many of whom have worked together before and operate on a near-professional level. The play itself is also very good. It's a challenge and I'm looking forward to it. I plan to apply all my skills from here and the past to guide and teach the cast, my peers, as best I can."

"Directing is a challenge," remarks Dio Guardi, "a new facet of theatre I'm interested in exploring. I like the script a lot and, though the turnout for auditions was low, the quality of the cast is high. Theatre itself is rewarding. The learning never stops."

Students are reminded that the play will be performed Monte Carlo weekend, providing a pleasant addition to other planned activities. The next play, a spring comedy, will be cast around Mar. 1, according to Brother James. All students are encouraged to try out for a part.



Linda Serpico directed the presentation of "Story Theater" Jan. 14-16 in the Halleck Center ballroom. Here Tina O'Drobinak (left) and Tony Dio Guardi (second from left), playing the roles of servants, complain to each other about the drudgery of their work while master of the house Bill Jankowski (right) listens.

(Photo by Joan Hayden)



NCAA Tightens Rulings

By JOE GIANNINI

In San Diego, on Jan. 10, a major event took place that may have a severe effect on collegiate sports. Directly affected will be Division I schools, while other schools (like Saint Joe's) will indirectly reflect the burden.

Proposal 48 was nominated and passed at the 77th annual NCAA convention. Although this proposal predominantly is aimed at the 277 Division I institutions, other schools will definitely fit into "the thick of things."

The proposal deals with toughening academic requirements for student athletes. This would encompass such factors as minimum scores for SAT tests (700), ACT tests (15) and a grade point average (2.00).

The presidents who passed the regulation felt that it was time to get the NCAA back where it belongs. The present NCAA academic standards have been abused both by high school and college recruiters. A major argument develops from this proposal — it concerns the treatment of black athletes.

Seventeen of the Division I schools who are black disagree strongly with the proposal, arguing that the standards they set have been way above the averages of their athletes. Thus, said the black school presidents, the proposal "racially and regionally" discriminates against black athletes.

Many black universities reflect cries that the proposal was aimed at reducing the number of blacks on teams of institutions with major sports programs. Some universities are even considering dropping out of the NCAA. Proposal 48 (which was written by an all-white committee from the American Council on Education) demands a minimum number of math, English and science courses before an athlete can receive an athletic scholarship.

Students who don't meet the proposal requirements can still receive an athletic scholarship, but cannot play or practice their sport for one year and will only have three years of eligibility if and only if they meet the academic requirements set for all freshmen athletes.

Although the regulation won't go into effect until Aug. 1, 1984 for present athletes and Aug. 1, 1986 for incoming athletes, the proposal may affect many athletes' decisions now as to what school they will attend. This of course means that many talented athletes could be drawn away from Division I schools and be swayed to smaller schools — like Saint Joe's. Remember, the rules do not affect any schools, except those in Division I (Saint Joe's is in Division II).

Perhaps the requirements were raised because they were intended to affect black athletes and their study habits. But it can't be all that bad, especially when veteran Penn State coach Joe Paterno agrees — "We've raped black students. We can't afford to do it again."

Cagers Battle Slump

By BILL MILLER

Basketball since the Christmas holidays has not been a great deal of fun for the Puma women's squad, which dropped its first six outings in the new year.

Losses to IUPU-Fort Wayne (56-53) and Indiana Tech (74-61) were reported in the last issue, but these disappointments were followed by losses to Indiana State-Evansville (72-68), Oakland City (56-53), Indiana Central (91-59) and Lewis (69-41).

When things start going badly for a team, there has to be a cause, and free throw shooting was the primary trouble spot. For example, the Pumas were nine-for-22 (41 percent) at the line in the Indiana Central match and three-for-12 (25 percent) against Lewis.

Coach Sue Buntin explains that, "We seem to have encountered some sort of mental block when it comes to shooting free throws, and it's some-

thing that we'll just have to work at to overcome. What we need most is to have a few fine games of free throw shooting to give us a growing sense of confidence."

Saint Joe has admittedly been playing against some of the stiffest competition in the area, as Buntin points to ISUE, Indiana Tech, Indiana Central and Lewis as squads with solid hopes for post-season tournament honors.

"We also have to shore up those areas that have been strong points for us," Buntin warns. "We have generally been a very strong rebounding team, but against Lewis they outrebounded us by 54-28 and they were converting these rebounds into quite a few fast breaks and subsequent layup baskets. We just can't afford to let this happen to us if we hope to turn this season around."

SJC hosts Huntington next Wednesday and Indiana-Southeast Feb. 5.



Melvin Wood (44) of the Pumas tallied two of his 11 points Jan. 13 on this short jump shot over Kentucky Wesleyan's Ray Zuberer (32). Other Pumas are Keith Miller (22) and Greg Martin (42) while visible Panthers are Rod Drake (10, behind Wood) and Tim Edgerson (12). SJC upset the second-ranked Panthers, 78-71.

(Photo by Paul Dennis)

Bellarmine Saturday

Pumas Out To Tree Greyhounds

By BILL MILLER

This evening the Pumas will try for another Great Lakes Valley Conference win when the Greyhounds of Indiana Central invade Puma territory. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 in the field-house.

As of Jan. 14, Indiana Central was 5-6 and waiting to meet Ashland (0-2 in the conference). The Greyhounds' first two games of this month were losses to non-conference teams West Georgia and Southern Tech.

Ashland overcame a brilliant 28-point performance by Melvin Wood last Thursday to register a 90-80 win over the Pumas at Ashland. Wood pumped in nine of 11 field goals and ten of 12 free throws and also hauled down seven

rebounds to lead the Pumas. Scott Spencer added 16 points and Rickey Bureau tacked on 11.

Last Saturday, Northern Kentucky lowered the Pumas' season record to 5-10 with a 78-71 win at Highland Heights, Ky. Wood led SJC with 17 points.

Kentucky Wesleyan came into Collegeville Jan. 13 like Panthers but went out like lambs. The second-ranked Division II power from Owensboro, Ky., came up on the short end of the 78-71 score, giving the Pumas their first conference win. Both teams dressed in purple and white, but that's where the similarity ended.

SJC came out of the box quickly and held Wesleyan's top performer Dwight Higgs

to ten points. Coach George Waggoner readily attributed part of the win to effective defense.

The Pumas surprised Wesleyan with a box-and-one defense, one that the Panthers hadn't seen from SJC before. KWC shot a mere 36 percent from the field while the Pumas shot 53 percent. Spencer led the hit chart with 20 points followed by freshman guard Keith Miller who scored 15 points and played an excellent floor game; he also was six-for-eight from the charity stripe. Rod Drake led KWC's scoring with 16 tallies along with Brian Jones with 14. Despite the loss, Kentucky Wesleyan is still ranked second in Division II by CBS Sports.

Spencer was named the first Great Lakes Valley Conference Player-of-the-Week for 1983. He scored 44 points on 16-28 from the field and grabbed 20 rebounds in the first two conference games. Spencer led all scorers in the Wesleyan game and added 12 rebounds. Presently the junior from Ohio leads the conference in scoring with 22.0 points per game and is second in rebounding with a 10.0 average.

Two days after the impressive win over KWC the Pumas suffered a tough loss at the hands of Indiana State University-Evansville, 67-65. Spencer again led all the scoring with 24 tallies and added eight rebounds, followed by Cully Nelson of ISUE with 20 points and 15 rebounds. Wood scored 14 points along with 11 rebounds and Greg Martin dropped in eight points.

Several Pumas lead the conference in various statistical areas, aside from Spencer's scoring leadership. Wood tops the rebounding category with 10.5 per game, and junior playmaker Don "Duck" Redfield leads in assists with a 7.5 average.

On Saturday in Alumni Fieldhouse, SJC will battle a tough Bellarmine College team from Louisville, Ky. The Knights are picked to finish third in the GLVC title chase.



Molly Horstman (14) and Mary Huffstetter (23) of Saint Joseph's displayed good pressure defense on an Indiana Central player during this action here Jan. 17, but the visitors went on to win by 91-59. Penny Salm (25) of the Pumas is in the background.

(Photo by Paul Dennis)

Social Preview

By BILL GUERTIN

Boy... I just figured out why this is the prime time for campus suicides. I just looked at the Puma Guide for the next two weeks! Seeing as there's very little to comment on from the happenings here, I thought you readers might be interested in what the **Farmer's Almanac** has to say for the next two weeks:

Expect seasonable weather from now until Saturday night, when a huge snowstorm will blanket us for two days. Unseasonably cold for Feb. 1, 2 and 3 with light snow. By the 4th the weather will taper off and become mild through the 7th. THEN — snow and cold from the 8th through the 10th. (Hey... farmers swear by these things!) There's a full moon on Friday, if you're interested... and to get you through those cold, boring winter nights, the Almanac asks: What do the following words have in common... DEFORM, CALMNESS, FIRST, STUMP?

Actually, there are some bright spots on campus... it's the birthday of the Blessed Marie de Matias, foundress of the Precious Blood sisters, on the 4th... it's also the birthday of Thomas Aquinas, the patron of colleges and universities, on Friday. (My calendar's marked.) Oh... there's a few home games, I guess... and the IM season is in full swing... and guys and girls will be getting up the nerve to ask their sweethearts to the Valentine's dance... but other than that, you're on your own, recreation fans. (Where are the girls when you need them?)

The details:

Friday, Jan. 28 — Tommy Aquinas' B-day. (Give him a smooch if you see him today.) There's a junior class meeting to discuss just how bored they really are at 8 p.m. in Raleigh Hall, also. What more could one ask?

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Here we go... campus action at the fieldhouse, as our Puma men take on Bellarmine. (Boola! Boolea!)

Sunday, Jan. 30 — Dullsville.

Monday, Jan. 31 — Dullsville Revisited.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Basketball action, varsity-style... check out the game between the Pumas and IUPU-Fort Wayne at 7:30 p.m. No excuses that you've got too much to do this time! Today also marks the beginning of the U90½ / History Club song dedication sale, just in time for Valentine's Day. The two clubs will be selling dedications and messages to be read over the airwaves of U90½. Lots of good songs and lyrical messages to choose from!

Wednesday, Feb. 2 — If your roommate gets up and sees his/her shadow today, hit them over the head and tell them to go back to bed... yes, it's Groundhog Day today. (A good reason to throw a party, no?) The SJC women cagers take to the fieldhouse to square off against Huntington tonight — game time, 7 p.m.... 'tis the last day of the Psychology Club's carnation sale (get your flowers while you can!)... and the Union's clothing drive starts today, sponsored, of course, by the BSU. It'll run through Feb. 16... so you have a little time to decide which old shirt you can part with and still survive.

Thursday, Feb. 3 — A free day from activities (Too much excitement on Wednesday, I guess.)

Friday, Feb. 4 — Here's the birthday of the Blessed Marie de Matias... be nice to the Precious Blood sisters and wish them a happy Marie de Matias day. (Great brownie point possibilities here.)

Saturday, Feb. 5 — SJC basketball... the men play at Lewis University, while the women are here at home vs. IU Southeast — an afternoon affair, too. Tipoff is at 2 p.m.; be there! The Union plans a spirited road trip for today (the almanac sez roads will be okay, luckily); and Gallagher Hall will attempt to revive the springtime (and the campus!) with a spring revival event. Sounds pretty vague, fellas... what have you got up your sleeves?

Sunday, Feb. 6 — Read a great philosophy novel today; there's nothing to watch on TV anyway, now that football's over with.

Monday, Feb. 7 — Meeting City; the Psychology Club first — they'll meet at 6 and then venture over to the Care Center for another round of blackjack — I mean bingo. There's also a sophomore class meeting at 9 in Halleck 204. (Ok?) (Ok.)

Tuesday, Feb. 8 — Son of Dullsville.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 — The HSUB Backgammon tournament promises to take this campus by storm; it's happening today. There's also a Business Club meeting today (details pending)... and the women's B-ball team's going south to play IUPU-Indianapolis.

Thursday, Feb. 10 — and today it's the men's turn to take to the road. It's a long trip... down to Indiana State-Evansville... but it's worth it, right, fellas? There's an Accounting-Finance Club meeting at 8 in the Halleck Cafeteria... and the SENIOR CLASS '83 DAYS-TO-GRADUATION PARTY is a-happenin' tonight somewhere. You can bet that us seniors will surely find out where it is before it comes!

Oh... the answer to the Almanac word puzzle? You'll find it at the end of the Soundstory article on page two... but give it a shot before peeking, eh?



Ice has finally covered the campus pond, permitting hockey enthusiasts like Pete Powell (left) and Bob Ochi to sharpen their skating skills, but the freeze and snow didn't come soon enough to prevent the postponement of the Arctic Jamboree, which was originally scheduled for Jan. 15-21 but now will be rescheduled when Old Man Winter is more cooperative.

(Photo by Paul Dennis)

IM's Show Lively Involvement

By JEFF TOBIN

The intramural program has been busy in the new year, with hockey, basketball, water polo, bowling and special events all launching their 1983 campaigns.

The IM hockey season started Jan. 16, with eight men's teams and five women's teams competing. The men are split into two divisions: the Blue Division with the Noll Stoned Ponies (1-0-1), ESF Rat Poison (1-1-0), Merlini High Times (0-1-0), and the Gallagher Sweepers (0-0-0). The Red Division consists of the Gallagher Warriors (1-0-0), the Bennett MD's (0-0-1), the ESF Rat Pack (0-1-0), and the Noll Unibrows (0-0-0). The Women's Division consists of the Justin Puck Ups (1-0-0), the Halas Fools (1-0-0), the Justin Slap Shots (1-1-0), Justin 1st West on Tap (0-2-0) and the Halas Loud Winers (0-0-0).

In a pre-season tournament, the men's defending champion Noll Stoned Ponies defeated the Gallagher Warriors in the

final, 7-4. The women's defending champ Justin Slap Shots didn't fare as well, as they were defeated in the final in double overtime by the Halas Loud Winers, 3-2.

This year's basketball has nearly half of the campus involved in a very competitive program. The leaders so far in A League are the Bennett Billikins (2-0), followed by the Merlini Trojans and the Gallagher Mixed Nuts, both 1-0. The B League is led by the Gallagher Gators, Noll High 5, and the ESF Dogz, all with 2-0 records. Basketball director John Fazio would also like to explain about officiating. "Each team is responsible for one official. They are scheduled in parentheses next to the teams playing. The ball controllers on all courts will serve upon request by the captains, officials, or director," he says.

After three weeks of bowling, the Tornadoes (13-2) and the Knight Riders (12-3) lead the Tuesday League. The

Wednesday League is led by the Gutter Rats (12-3). In the Thursday League, the pace is being set by the Domino Principle and the Bad Mama Jamas, both at 8-2. High games so far belong to Brad DeWees (209) and Molly Sherkey (196).

Water polo started Wednesday the 19th with approximately ten co-ed teams competing. The season will run every Wednesday night at the Rensselaer Central High School pool for ten weeks.

The IM special events department has launched its first event, a winter softball tournament. Four teams participated, with the crown going to a team consisting of members from Justin 1st West and East Seifert. The next special event will be a three-on-three football tournament this Saturday. Be looking for more details.

That's about it for now. In the next issue, look for updates on all of the IM sports, plus a feature: "Dynasty: Is it possible in IM sports?"

Doldrums Alleviated . . .

(Continued from page one) committee which acts a little like a public defender for students who must appear before the campus judicial board. Many of these students may not be fully aware of their rights, and students facing various charges can turn here for help."

Particularly pleasing to Simonson was the witnessing of solid student participation in

many activities. "We have thoroughly enjoyed our cooperation with the Halleck Student Union Board, such as when we held International Week in November," he notes.

"I always encourage students to come to us with their ideas or concerns. It's important to remember that you get a lot more done when everybody works together," he concludes.



Dave Erwin, monitor of the learning center, works with a newly-installed terminal connected to the college's new PRIME 550 Model II computer. (Photo by John Baum)

Concentration Camp

Concentration is a camp of the mind that confines freedom of thought to one area.

The Drop-Out

To receive the wings that fly her far and high, the caterpillar must drop out and give up her activities.

Defense Of Ego

How often in defense of ego does the mind turn its back on the face of a truth?

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